

State of Nevada Certified Court Reporters Board
Open Meeting – January 10, 2022
Agenda Item #7

For possible action; discussion to formulate a bill draft request for the 82nd Legislative Session outlining unlawful court reporting practices, procedures on producing transcripts and housekeeping matters.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new material; and matter between ~~[red brackets with single strikethrough]~~ is material to be omitted.

PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES; ENFORCEMENT

NRS 656.XXX The transcript of a proceeding, as defined in NRS 656.030(10)(c) and 656.030(10)(d), may only be produced and certified by a certified court reporter.

CERTIFICATES; LICENSES; FEES

NRS 656.145 Court reporters: Unlawful to practice without certificate.

1. It is unlawful for any natural person to practice court reporting or to advertise or use any identifying term that may indicate to the public that the natural person is entitled to practice as a court reporter unless the natural person holds a certificate of registration as a certified court reporter issued by the Board.

2. It is unlawful for Notaries Public, video recorders, digital recorders, transcribers or any natural person who does not hold a certificate as a certified court reporter to practice court reporting or to advertise or use any identifying term that may indicate to the public that the natural person is entitled to practice as a court reporter in any legal proceeding subject to judicial review, as defined in NRS 656.030(10)(c) and 656.030(10)(d).

(Added to NRS by [1973, 1316](#); A [1985, 1886](#); [1993, 1409](#); [2005, 196](#); [2017, 2216](#)) —
(Substituted in revision for NRS 656.340)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NRS 656.020 Legislative declaration.

1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Legislature to:
 - (a) Encourage proficiency in the practice of court reporting as a profession;
 - (b) Promote efficiency in court and general reporting; and
 - (c) Extend to the courts and public the protection afforded by a standardized profession by establishing a standard of competency for those engaged in it.
2. The practice of court reporting in the State of Nevada is declared to affect the public health, safety and welfare and is subject to regulation and control in the public interest.
(Added to NRS by [1973, 1315](#); A [1993, 1404](#))

NRS 656.030 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Board” means the Certified Court Reporters’ Board of Nevada.
2. “Business entity” means any form of business organization, including, without limitation, a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited-liability company or limited-liability partnership. The term does not include a natural person or governmental entity.
3. “Certificate” means a certified court reporter’s certificate issued under the provisions of this chapter.
4. “Certified court reporter” means a natural person who is technically qualified and registered under this chapter to practice court reporting.
5. “Court reporting firm” means a business entity that, for compensation, provides or arranges for the services of a certified court reporter or provides referral services for certified court reporters in this State.
6. “Designated representative of a court reporting firm” means the natural person designated to act as the representative of a court reporting firm pursuant to [NRS 656.186](#).
7. “Distance education program” means a program that offers instruction which is delivered by the Internet in such a manner that the natural person supervising or providing the instruction and the natural person receiving the instruction are separated geographically for a majority of the time during which the instruction is delivered.
8. “License” means a license issued under the provisions of this chapter to conduct business as a court reporting firm.
9. “Licensee” means a business entity to which a license has been issued.
10. “Practice of court reporting” means reporting, in this State, by the use of voice writing or any system of manual or mechanical shorthand writing, *and producing a certified transcript of a reported proceeding, if requested.*
 - (a) Grand jury proceedings;
 - (b) Court proceedings, with the exception of proceedings before a federal court;
 - (c) Pretrial examinations, depositions, motions and related proceedings of like character;or
 - (d) Proceedings of any agency if the final decision of the agency with reference thereto is subject to judicial review.
11. “Stenographic notes” means:
 - (a) The original manually or mechanically produced notes in shorthand or shorthand writing taken by a certified court reporter while in attendance at a proceeding to report the proceeding; or

(b) The record produced by the use of voice writing by a certified court reporter while in attendance at a proceeding.

12. "Voice writing" means the making of a verbatim record of a proceeding by repeating the words of the speaker into a device that is capable of:

(a) Digitally translating the words into text; or

(b) Making a tape or digital recording of those words.

Ê The term includes, without limitation, stenomasking, verbatim reporting and other similar titles.

(Added to NRS by [1973, 1315](#); A [1993, 1404](#); [2001, 1008](#); [2005, 191](#); [2007, 1034](#); [2009, 156](#); [2011, 217](#); [2017, 2215](#))